

Established February, 1845.

PRICE, \$ 2 PER MONTH

Notices of Firms

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF
MR. NISSIM DAVID EZRAKEL in
his Firm closed on the 23rd December,
1890.

EZRAKEL & JOSEPH.

Hongkong, December 31, 1890.

WITH Reference to the above, the
Undersigned will carry on the
BUSINESS under the Style of JOSEPH &
LEVY and Liquidate all Outstanding
accounts of the above Firm.

E. H. JOSEPH.
S. E. LEVY.

Hongkong, December 31, 1890. 2269

NOTICE.

WE HAVE authorized Mr. ROBERT
INGLIS to Sign the Name of our
Firm per Procuration from this date.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co,

Hongkong, January 1, 1891. 41

Shipping.

Steamers.

The Co.'s Store
Formo

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND
TAIWANFOO.

 The Co.'s Steamship
Fernosa,
Captain LEWIS, will be
despatched for the above
Ports **TO-MORROW** the 18th Instant; at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPEAUX & Co.
General Managers,
Hongkong, January 12, 1891. 80

FOR SHANGHAI.


 The Steamship
Amoy,
Capt. H. LEMANN, will
be despatched for the
above Port on **TUESDAY**, the 13th Inst.,
at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
STEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, January 10, 1891. 81

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cars & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW
OHWANG, KIENTSI, SHANGHAI
and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

 The Co.'s Steamship
Dionaea
Capt. BARLETT, will be
despatched as above on
TUESDAY, the 13th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 9, 1891.

STEAM TO STRAITS AND BOMBAY.
(“allating at COLOMBO if sufficient
inducement offers.”)

 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Steamship
Thibet
Captain W. L. BROWN,
will leave for the above places on THURSDAY, the 15th Instant, at Noon.

E. I. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, January 7, 1891.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

 The Co.'s Steamship
Lochis
Captain SCALS, will be
despatched as above on
FRIDAY, the 16th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 9, 1891.

UNION LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship

 Captain Fox
despatched for

Port on or about the 15th January, 1891.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents,
 Hongkong, December 17, 1890. 2170

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG
COLOMBO AND BOMBAY.

Having connection with Company's Mail
 Steamer to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
 TRIESTE, VENICE & Fiume.

The Co.'s Steamship
Mediterranea,
 Captain A. Mirry, will
 be despatched on above
 on the 17th Instant, at Noon, taking
 Cargo as through rates to CALCUTTA, MAD-
 RAS, PERMAN GUTZ, BLACK SEA, LIVER-
 POOL AND ADRIATIC PORTS.

Cargo will not be received on board after
 3 p.m. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage
 and Freight, apply to

DAVID RABSONSON SONS & Co.,
Agents,
 Hongkong, January 8, 1891. 2171

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COM-
PANY, LIMITED

FOR LONDON.

The Co.'s Steamship
Peking,
 R. H. Macgregor, Com-
 mander, will be despatched
 as above on or about the 20th Instant.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents,
 Hongkong, January 8, 1891. 2172

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L'avenir du Tonkin says that the Viceroy of Yunnan visited Mongtze, the open market on the Tonkin frontier, in the beginning of December last, to inspect the troops. His first visit was to the French Consul, which marks a change in the relations between the Chinese and the French agents. The commerce of Mongtze, however, does not seem to be developing very rapidly. The Chinese seem afraid of the piracy so rampant on the Red River.

A LIEUTENANT of the water police was brought before Mr. Wise at the Police Court to-day charged with trying to obtain money from a boatwoman by monases. He called on the boatwoman and producing a telegraph form told her it was a warrant for her arrest, which he would execute there and then if she did not hand over ten dollars to appease offended justice. The woman assumed quite an unexpected attitude, insisting on accompanying the constable to the Police Station much to his embarrassment. He was a little more embarrassed to-day on being sent to a month's hard labour. This is about the most ignominious failure in an attempt to squeeze that has been heard of for a long time. The boatwoman deserves the thanks of the community.

H.M.S. *Peacock* (Commander Ingram) arrived here to-day. She comes to the China Station from the Cape and takes the place of the *Mutine*, now on her way home. The *Peacock*, which was built at Devonport, was commissioned to the Cape two years ago. She is a composite ship of 776 tons, and her dimensions are:—Length, 100 feet; breadth 30 ft.; and draft of water, 13 ft. Her armament consists of six 4-in. B. L. guns; two 4-barrel Nordenfults, 45 in. and two 2-barrel ditto, 1 in. She is fitted with the latest improvements and has electric search lights. She has triple expansion engines of 1,200 horse power and is capable of a speed of 13 knots. The ship's complement numbers 75 all able-bodied men, and the officers are:—Commander Ingram, Lieut. Foster, Sub-Lieut. Farnham, Assistant-Pyrmaster Murray, Surgeon J. M. Vance, Engineer J. Agnew, and Gunner C. Francis.

The unsatisfactory state of business and more especially of share business in the Colony during last year is shown in the return of the Collector of Stamp Revenue for the years 1889 and 1890 published in Saturday's *Gazette*. The total revenue last year was £203,160.31 as compared with £235,179.26 in 1889, showing a net decrease of £32,019.75. Of this large falling-off, \$19,000.00 was due to the decrease in share transfers, \$12,118.50 to decrease in conveyances and assignments, \$7,583.00 less received under probate, \$5,910.00 decrease in broker's notes, and \$1,756.00 in letters of hypothecation. There was, as a partial set-off, an increase in the sum derived from bills of exchange and promissory notes amounting to \$5,288.00, \$2,166.87 from increased sale of adhesive stamps, \$723.30 from charter parties, \$320.10 from bills of lading, and \$441.00 from bills of health.

On Thursday evening Bro. J. Bryant was installed as Worshipful Master of the United Service Lodge, No. 1341. The ceremony of installation was performed by Right Wor. Bro. the Hon. C. F. Chas. District Grand Master, assisted by W. Bro. E. C. Ray, Deputy District Grand Master, and there was a large attendance of Grand Lodge officers and of Master generally. The officers installed by Worshipful Bro. Bryant were as follows: I.P.M., Wor. Bro. W. Baker; S. W., Bro. W. L. Ford; J. W., Bro. J. Low; Treas., Bro. G. Rogers; Sec., W. Bro. C. W. Duggan; E. M., P. D., Bro. C. Cowan; J. D., Bro. W. H. Hawkins; G. S., Bro. F. Hill; D. C., Bro. S. Moore; Steward, Bro. D. Hall; I. O. O. Bro. G. Moffat Tyler, Bro. J. Maxwell. The Lodge attended sat down at banquet at which the usual toasts were proposed, and a very pleasant evening

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General.
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ing, com-
W. Nelson,
Miller,
in Macon.

through Selangor to Kuala Lumpur, Mr. Bibby thinks that the other way via Penang is too risky, during the monsoon for a nervous freight. A strong Sikh accompanied Mr. Bibby, and the Everything at the time is going very unhappily with the croping there are numerous depredations in vicinity consequent to the influx of a Chinese and Andalus from Selangor and absence of any police protection. Mr. Bibby is retained in Singapore for about a week.

The yield in 1892 was weighed at 22 and 25 drs.

